

PLAN OF THE WEEK

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Command Column

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Executive Officer

You know you are the "XO," when your first e-mail addressed to the Executive Officer is, "What timeslot do you desire for dunk tank duty on CG Day?"

I feel most fortunate to be afforded this opportunity to serve you and the Captain here at the Training Center. Having spent several years within the training community, I particularly enjoy our part in preparing Coast Guard men and women in performing the "king's business." It was also my pleasure to relieve Captain Gentile as the Commanding Officer, USCGC MADRONA, and I know first hand, his commitment to the organization and to its people.

As we wish smooth sailing and following seas to Captain Burhoe, I would like to express my personal appreciation, it is always enjoyable to follow in a professional's footsteps.

Training is our first name and my expectations are that those who conduct training and those who support training, work together and act to ensure Pride, Professionalism, and Excellence.

A Look Ahead:

10-14 JUL LAMS Road Show Aboard, Hamilton Hall, Rm 232, BMC Duffy

10 JUL 1130, YOA Luncheon, Mr. William Pruitt, Commissioner of VA Marine Resources Commission, Guest Speaker, Port of York, LT Broga, 2271

12 JUL 1130, CPOA General Membership Meeting, Bldg 156, DCC Core, 2167

13 JUL 0930, Chief Warrant Officer's Call, Port of York, LT Broga, 2271

14 JUL 0900, CAPT Gableman Retires, Olde Yorke Chapel, ENS Chamberlin, 2136

14 JUL 1030, DC"A" 05-00 Graduation, Taylor, Rm 121, DCCS Villa, 2258

Thoughts from Last Week:

MCPO Clemons

1st week of July is always an exciting week, and this year was no exception. We saw many smiling faces come to work last Monday wearing new additions to the uniform having advanced 1 July, and those that could wait a day showed off there new grades on Wednesday. We said farewell to CAPT Burhoe on Monday at a great lunch in Gloucester.

The 4th of July provided many opportunities and events, we the Coast Guard, and especially Training Center Yorktown were represented in the community by a fantastic performance of volunteers, the Drill Team, and Color Guard. I was told that the Coast Guard was the hit of the parade this year.

The new XO, Commander Merkle, is in place, engaged and has begun a new forum of passing information, a vital tool in today's Coast Guard, via his electronic "XO's Morning Orders". Captain Gentile, as I am sure most of you know, is out and about as he said he would be, and he continues to look for opportunities to recognize our people such as the Letters of Appreciation he presented to several junior enlisted folks for their work on painting out the gym.

I am settling in my new job and have met many more of you in person as I continue to get out and visit different elements of the Training Center. I am very pleased with our commitment to uniforms and professional appearances as well as the many sporting and community events that we are taking part in. This is going to be a great summer and a great year.

Honor

Respect

Devotion to Duty

VOLUNTEERS

The USO still needs some help with this year's Michelob Championship at Kingsmill. Dates are 2-8 October. Give MCPO Gauthier a call at 757-856-2269.

Important Items to Know:

MAY 2000 SERVICEWIDE EXAMINATION (SWE) PROFILE LETTERS AND ELIGIBILITY LIST

The timetable for publishing the May 2000 SWE results was adjusted from previous years to ensure members received SWE results as soon as possible after the exam. The Human Resource Service and Information Center (HRSIC) anticipates sending out the SWE profile letters and eligibility list NLT the week of 10 July. This is over a month earlier than last year. In order to expedite publishing SWE results to the field, initial cutoffs for advancement from the May 2000 SWE will not be included in the profile letters or eligibility list. Initial cutoffs will be published via msg in August. HRSIC (ADV) is the single POC for all SWE/advancement questions. HRSIC (ADV) Customer Service phone number is (785) 357-3400.

AIRMAN RETURN

ALCOAST 285/00 describes the reinstatement and designation of the Airman Apprentice (AA) and Airman (AN) ratings.

COAST GUARD LIFESAVER PROGRAM

ALCOAST 288/00 announces the creation of the Lifesaver Program. This will be a Emergency Medical Services (EMS) position, look for the implementing instruction which will be promulgated in fourth quarter FY 00.

RECREATIONAL SAFETY

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

- ⚠ Don't attempt what is beyond your skills or endurance.
- ⚠ Shape up first
- ⚠ Build up to strenuous activity gradually
- ⚠ Follow Safety Rules
- ⚠ Use your head to prevent problems
- ⚠ Don't let accidents or injuries *spoil your fun!*

Good Order and Discipline:

CO, Student Personnel, held mast on 22 June. The results are outlined below.

Accusation: Article 86, Absence without leave. Article 134, Drunkenness - incapacitation for the performance of duties through prior wrongful indulgence in intoxicating liquor or any drug.

Final Disposition: Member was awarded restriction to TRACEN Yorktown for 30 days; 2 hours of extra duty per day for 30 days; reduction to pay grade E-1 (suspended for 3 months). Member was disenrolled "at fault" from A-school; loss of 8k bonus and documented as first alcohol incident.

Accusation: Article 86, Absence without leave.

Final Disposition: Member was awarded restriction to TRACEN Yorktown for 21 days; 2 hours of extra duty per day for 21 days; reduction to pay grade E-2; and forfeiture of \$200/month for 1 month. Member was disenrolled "at fault" from A-school.

EDUCATION

The Coast Guard Foundation is again sponsoring an educational grant program to support off-duty education for enlisted personnel. Calendar Year 2000 grant amount has been increased to \$300. See ALCOAST 278/00.

Chaplain's Corner:

0945 & 1630 Sunday Roman Catholic Mass

1100 Sunday Protestant Worship

1145 Daily Roman Catholic

0630 Promise Keepers on Tuesday & Thursday

1140 Ladies Bible Study every Thursday

There is also a mid-week Bible Study at the Chapel every Wednesday, from 1140-1230. This is open to all personnel and their families.

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